

needs. This bill will provide incentives for smart grid systems, as well as for energy efficient buildings. And it includes new energy efficiency standards for appliances.

Transportation is another area where we can do more to improve our efficiency. And my bill will move us forward by requiring that all new vehicles achieve 35 miles per gallon by 2015 and 50 miles per gallon by 2030. It also includes additional incentives for Americans to purchase high efficiency vehicles and for manufacturers to produce many vehicles that use alternative fuels.

Americans want fuel choice and my bill will require 50 percent of all new vehicles to be capable of burning various biofuels (in addition to gasoline) by 2012 and 80 percent by 2015.

We need additional incentives for fuel efficiency vehicles. It also includes funding for research and development focused on the major technological barriers to alternative fuel vehicles, such as advanced batteries, to develop the next generation vehicles. And it provides incentives for Americans to purchase these new vehicles that use alternative fuels or are more efficient.

And we must pay for this new energy policy. My bill does that by ending unneeded tax breaks for the oil and gas industry and closing tax loopholes.

In conclusion, let me again emphasize that we must all work together and bring everything to the table to address our energy challenge. This bill is a good draft to start with and I will continue to work with my colleagues to enact a comprehensive energy policy to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, lower gas prices, and protect our environment.

SUPPORTING VETERANS IN AUBURN, WASHINGTON

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the city of Auburn, WA, the Auburn City Council and Mayor Pete Lewis for exemplary and steadfast support of the Washington National Guard. They demonstrated their patriotism and support for the military in their quick and sincere actions to create an event to honor the deployment of the 81st Heavy Combat Brigade of the Washington National Guard on August 19, 2008.

Auburn, located in the 8th District of Washington, the District I represent, is not unlike many communities around the country where budgets are tight and funds are allocated only after careful consideration. However, in this case, Auburn and its able leadership approved, without any hesitation, city resources to secure a location and provide funds to support a family BBQ with a festival-like atmosphere for deploying Guardsmen and their families. Hundreds of Guard families and Auburn residents showed up to participate in the event and enjoy the send off activities.

Auburn's action in this instance reflects a deep and great respect for service members and veterans and is the latest example of their steadfast commitment. Every November, Auburn hosts one of the largest Veterans Day parades on the west coast of the United States. Their Veterans Park is a permanent

reminder of the city's dedication and affection for veterans. Under Mayor Lewis and the current City Council, Auburn is taking the lead in Washington in supporting the military and our many brave veterans and I applaud their efforts.

COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for this bill. There is no doubt about Iran's intentions any longer: they are determined to do everything they can to harm the U.S. and annihilate our ally, Israel. They are well on their way to developing a nuclear weapon and they will not hesitate to use it against innocent civilian populations throughout the Middle East. They have armed terrorists in the past, they have built up their conventional weapons, and now they are doing everything they can to obtain the ultimate weapon.

A nuclear armed Iran is a threat to everyone, everywhere and no one can afford any longer to sit back and wait for our allies to do the "dirty work" for us and disarm Iran. We, too, must act.

The time is long past due for us to pass these sanctions against that regime and stop their nuclear ambitions before they wipe our allies off the map.

HONORING KYLE THEODORE BUCK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Theodore Buck of Kansas City, Missouri. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Theodore Buck for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MR. DONALD "MAC" MACGREGOR

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bucks

County resident Donald "Mac" Macgregor. On July 4th, 2008, Mac retired after a 35 year career as the director of the Bucks County Youth Center. During those 35 years, Mac revolutionized the detention center and its program, setting a high standard for working with delinquent children requiring secure care.

Madam Speaker, Mac has served his community and has helped troubled children his entire life. In addition to serving as a Juvenile Police Officer with Upper Moreland Township, Mac also operated, along with his wife Bonnie, the first group home in Bucks County with 6 delinquent youths.

Mr. Macgregor came to the troubled Bucks County Youth Center at a time when his predecessors faced near riots within the facility. With his unique innovative approach that showed how respecting children can help them respect themselves, Mac turned he facility into a leading youth center that has helped many Bucks County kids turn their lives around.

In addition to bringing a new approach to troubled youth care, Mac also oversaw the construction and planning of the award winning Bucks County Juvenile Detention Center. This state-of-the-art facility has become a must-visit for all Pennsylvania municipalities who are looking to improve their youth detention facilities and programs.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Macgregor's commitment to working with troubled children is an inspiration to the Bucks County community and the nation as a whole. During his many years of service, he has created a new way of thinking about and treating delinquent youth that has changed countless lives for the better. I would like to thank Mr. Macgregor for his lifetime of dedication to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DALE MYERS, U.S. AIR FORCE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Dale Myers, United States Air Force. While serving on my staff as a Legislative Fellow during this Second Session of the 110th Congress, Dale has shown an exceptional commitment to duty in his daily pursuit of excellence. During his tenure here on the Hill, Dale worked on a myriad of legislative matters for me from developing draft legislation to staffing hearings and briefings.

A natural leader, Dale personifies his strengths while engaged in matters relating to taking care of our men and women in uniform. His contributions to my efforts on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee will have a resonating impact on our military service members and veterans for years to come.

Further, Dale has made a positive and lasting impact on my staff by increasing their knowledge of the inner workings of the Department of Defense. In doing this, he has given them a greater appreciation and respect for the hard work and dedication exemplified by those individuals working exhaustively to support the men and women serving on the forefront of America's defense. As he transitions to his next Air Force assignment, I thank